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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1 (currently amended): An interior rearview mirror system for a vehicle comprising:

a casing;

a reflective element, said reflective element having a length axis and a width axis; and

a video display screen slidably mounted at said casing and slidable in a direction

generally parallel to said length axis of said reflective element between a non-use position,

wherein said video display screen is positioned substantially within said casing, and a use

position, wherein said video display screen is substantially extended from a side of said casing

for viewing by an occupant of the vehicle;

wherein said video display screen is extended and retracted in response to a drive system and wherein said drive system comprises one of a linear actuator, a solenoid device, a rack and pinion device, a non-armature electrical motor, a shape memory alloy device, an electrically induced stress-strain device and a bio-material; and

wherein said video display screen is extended toward said use position in response to a signal indicative of an engagement of the reverse gear of the vehicle, and wherein said video display screen is retracted toward said non-use position in response to a signal indicative of a disengagement of the reverse gear of the vehicle.

2 (original): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 1, wherein said video display screen is mounted to at least one sliding member which is slidable relative to said casing.

3 (original): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 2, wherein said at least one sliding member is slidable along or within a sliding block mounted within said casing.

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4 (original): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 1, wherein said video display screen is slidable along at least one rail positioned within said casing.

5 (original): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 1, wherein said video display screen is substantially extended toward the driver side of the vehicle in said use position.

6 (original): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 1, wherein said video display screen is substantially extended toward the passenger side of the vehicle in said use position.

7 (original): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 1, wherein said video display screen is pivotable about a pivot joint when extended to said use position.

8 (original): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 1, wherein said video display screen is manually movable between said non-use position and said use position.

9 (original): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 8, wherein said video display screen includes a grip or handle for grasping and pulling said video display screen toward said use position.

10 (original): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 1, wherein said video display screen is biased toward one of said use position and said non-use position.

11-14 (canceled).

15 (original): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 1, wherein said video display screen is extended in response to a signal indicative of an activating event.

16 (canceled).

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17 (currently amended): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 15, wherein said activating event comprises at least one of actuation of a manual input, an engagement of the reverse gear of the vehicle, actuation of a reverse viewing system, actuation of a cabin viewing device, actuation of a video communication device, actuation of a communication system, detection of a vehicle condition, actuation of a navigation system of the vehicle and an approach of a waypoint of a programmed route of a navigation system of the vehicle.

18-19 (canceled).

20 (original): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 15, wherein said video display screen is retracted to said non-use position in response to a signal indicative of a deactivating event.

21 (currently amendend): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 20, wherein said deactivating event comprises at least one of actuation of a manual input, a disengagement of the reverse gear of the vehicle, deactivation of a reverse viewing system, deactivation of a cabin viewing device, deactivation of a video communication device, deactivation of a communication system, deactivation of a navigation system of the vehicle and passing a waypoint of a programmed route of a navigation system of the vehicle.

22 (original): The interior rearview mirror system of claim 20, wherein at least one of said activating event and said deactivating event is manually overridable in response to a manual input.

23-31 (canceled).

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32 (withdrawn - currently amended): The interior rearview mirror system of claim-30_1 including an accessory console positioned within the vehicle, wherein said accessory console is configured to receive at least one electronic sub-module, said at least one electronic sub-module having electronic circuitry associated with at least one electronic accessory, said accessory module being configured to connect to enabling circuitry that interfaces with said electronic circuitry of said at least one sub-module.

33-57 (canceled).

58 (currently amended): An accessory system for a vehicle comprising:

an interior rearview mirror assembly having a casing and a reflective element, said reflective element having a length axis and a width axis; and

a display screen movably mounted at said casing and movable to move between a non-use position, wherein said display screen is not directly viewable, and a use position, wherein said display screen is substantially extended from a portion of said mirror assembly for viewing by an occupant of the vehicle, said display screen being automatically moved to said use position in response to an activating event and automatically moved to said non-use position in response to a deactivating event;

wherein said video display screen is extended and retracted in response to a drive system and wherein said drive system comprises one of a linear actuator, a solenoid device, a rack and pinion device, a non-armature electrical motor, a shape memory alloy device, an electrically induced stress-strain device and a bio-material; and

wherein said activating event comprises an engagement of the reverse gear of the vehicle, and wherein said deactivating event comprises a disengagement of the reverse gear of the vehicle.

59 (original): The accessory system of claim 58, wherein said display screen is at least one of pivotably mounted at said casing and slidably mounted at said casing.

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60 (currently amended): The accessory system of claim 58, wherein said activating event comprises at least one of actuation of a manual input, an engagement of the reverse gear of the vehicle, actuation of a reverse viewing system, actuation of a cabin viewing device, actuation of a video communication device, actuation of a communication device, detection of a vehicle condition, actuation of a navigation system of the vehicle and approach of a waypoint of a programmed route of a navigation system of the vehicle.

61 (canceled).

62 (currently amended): The accessory system of claim-61_58, wherein said deactivating event comprises at least one of actuation of a manual input, a disengagement of the reverse gear of the vehicle, deactivation of a reverse viewing system, deactivation of a cabin viewing device, deactivation of a video communication device, deactivation of a communication device, deactivation of a navigation system of the vehicle and passing a waypoint of a programmed route of a navigation system of the vehicle.

63 (original): The accessory system of claim 58, wherein said display screen is automatically movable to said use position in response to multiple activating events.

64 (original): The accessory system of claim 63, wherein at least one of said activating events and said deactivating events is manually overridable in response to a manual input.

65 (original): The accessory system of claim 58 including a navigation system, said display screen being operable to display at least one of instructions, a compass heading, and a map indicative of a selected route output of said navigation system.

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66 (original): The accessory system of claim 58, wherein said activating event comprises an approach of a waypoint of a selected route, said display screen displaying said at least one of an instruction and a map pertaining to the waypoint to the driver of the vehicle when said display screen is extended.

67 (original): The accessory system of claim 66, wherein said display screen is retracted after the vehicle has passed the waypoint.

68 (original): The accessory system of claim 66, wherein said navigation system is selectably operable to set a first activating event to comprise an approach of a selected waypoint of the selected route.

69-86 (canceled).